- reduction and finally, elemination of power theft within a specified time frame.
- Strengthening/upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system by taking sub-station as a unit on a priority basis.

If the above appears unattainable in the existing set up, corporatization/ cooperatization/privatization of the distribution would have to be undertaken.

Establishment of 100 MW Power Project at Amguri

2236. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to establish a power project of 100 MW at Amguri based on supply of natural gas by the Petroleum Ministry; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to ensure gas supply from Petroleum Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas have offered to allocate 0.50 MCMD of gas to Amguri Power Project of Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) from the overall existing allocation of gas to their various power plants. However, Assam Government have expressed its inability to accept the offer of re-allocation of gas from existing allocation to ASEB.

Pending Proposals of Power Projects in Assam

2237. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister o*f* POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals pending with Government for sanction and clearance for setting up of power projects in the state of Assam;

(b) at what stages those projects have been pending, project-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the clearance of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) As on 29.2.2000, one power project in Assam, RCE for Karbi Langpi (Lower Borpani) HEP (2x50 MW) with an estimated cost of Rs. 251.69 crore, was under examination in the Central Electricity Authority for accord of Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC).

The project was earlier to be implemented in the private sector. A fresh DPR for implementation of the project in State sector has been received from the Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) in December, 1999. The essential